Railway crossings in Gujarat

† *378. DR. A.K. PATEL: WU1 the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Railway level crossings in Gujarat not provided with gates, so far;

(b) whether it is a fact that in the absence of such gates, some minor accidents have been taking place from time to time; and

(c) if so, what is Government's planning for providing gates at these crossings?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) At present, there are 2849 'C class unmanned level crossings in Gujarat.

(b) Accidents at unmanned level crossings mainly occur due to the negligence of the road users who fail to observe the road signs available at these level crossings and also the rules and stipulations contained in the Motor Vehicle Act, 1988.

(c) Planning of works is Railway Zone-wise and not State-wise. The Zone-wise statistics of level crossings planned/sanctioned for manning from 1999-2000 to 2001-2002 over Northern and Western Zonal Railways, which cover state of Gujarat, are as under:—

Railway	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002
Northern	143	80	14
Western	50	174	61
TOTAL:	193	254	75

River pollution by heavy industries

† *379. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have carried out a survey that due to presence of large number of heavy industries pollution in rivers is

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